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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - February 15, 2007

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Curtis R. Richmond was convicted today of criminal contempt after a bench trial before United States District Judge Jeffrey T. Miller. Richmond, who had previously been sanctioned by judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California for pursuing vexatious and frivolous litigation, was found by Judge Miller to have violated an injunction of the Court that prohibited Richmond from attempting to threaten or intimidate the Court, litigants or their counsel.

In his ruling, Judge Miller found that Richmond was properly subjected to an injunction prohibiting him from filing any pleadings or taking any actions in an attempt to threaten or intimidate the judges of the court. Judges of the District Court had previously rejected arguments advanced by Richmond in civil litigation, and Richmond had responded by accusing those judges of treason, threatening to bring multi-million dollar lawsuits against them, and attempting to have the U.S. Marshal's Service execute fraudulent arrest warrants against those judges. Judge Miller further found that Richmond had been advised on several occasions that such conduct was viewed as threatening, and explicitly warned that if he continued to file

pleadings accusing judges of criminal conduct he would be subject to prosecution for criminal contempt. Judge Miller found that Richmond wilfully violated the injunction against him (Richmond) by filing a pleading in May 2006 that accused a judge of the district court of engaging in fraud and criminal conspiracy.

United States Attorney Lam said, "Our office is committed to protecting the safety, security and integrity of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. While every citizen has the right of free speech and the right to address grievances in our courts, no one has the right to intimidate and harass judges and court staff."

The defendant was ordered to return to court for a sentencing hearing on May 14, 2007. Although the defendant was allowed to remain out on bond pending sentencing, Judge Miller admonished the defendant that any further actions in violation of the injunction against him would result in a warrant for his immediate arrest.

**DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 06cr1019-JM**

Curtis R. Richmond

**SUMMARY OF CHARGE**

Count 1: Title 18, United States Code, Section 401(3) (Criminal Contempt)

**MAXIMUM PENALTY**

Six months in custody, \$5,000 fine.

**AGENCIES**

Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Diego Division

United States Marshal's Service